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Germany Will Not Take the Responsibility of Carrying on the War Says Chancellor

Military Successes of Teutonic Army Will Allow Nation to Discuss Peace Under Conditions.

SPEECH LOUDLY APPLAUDED

Proposals of Allies Must be Compatible With the Dignity and Safety of Germany—Germans Not Fighting for World Power but for Life and Liberty, he Declares.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—(Wireless via Sayville.)—“Fully conscious of her unshaken military success Germany declines to take the responsibility for a continuance of the misery now filling Europe,” Chancellor Holweg told the Reichstag today, further declaring that Germany is ready to discuss peace provided her enemies’ proposals are compatible with her dignity and safety. The crowded galleries loudly applauded. He denied the enemies have made formal peace suggestions. He reviewed the recent utterances abroad regarding peace. He declared the enemies’ pretense of fighting to protect small countries has lost its persuasive power since the recent events in Greece.

“So long as in the enemy countries the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with public confusion it would be folly for Germany to make proposals which would lengthen instead of shorten the war,” the Chancellor said.

“They speak of a war of extermination. So we must consider that theoretical arguments for peace will not bring the end nearer.”

The more the enemies continue the war with bitterness, he said, the more Germany needs a guarantee of her future. He declared Germany is not fighting to subjugate others but for the protection of life and liberty and in defense of the future. He grimly asserted the war can only end by peace giving human certitude the war will not return. He said the food supply is sufficient.

Socialist Leader Scheidemann followed the chancellor. As a result of the success of her armies he declared Germany can speak for peace without ranking being considered as “weak-hearted or dispirited.” He protested against dreamers.

Scheidemann continued it is folly for the French to continue to desire Alsace. He said peace is uppermost in the minds of Belgians. He quoted recent peace speeches in England, Italy and France and concluded by denying Germany is seeking world leadership and asserting that Germany may, by moving toward peace, now gain all the glory first dreamed of.

Scheidemann assailed those favoring annexation of conquered countries reminding them the Kaiser himself declared this is not a war of conquest.

Following Holweg’s speech all parties united in a formal declaration, approving his stand and declaring that any peace terms must guarantee Germany’s safety even if the annexation of territory is necessary. It was suggested, however, that annexation was not what Germany was seeking.

Vessel is Safe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The standard oil company received another cable stating Communipaw had left Alexandria for New York on Tuesday in ballast. It is now believed another vessel has been mistaken for the Communipaw.

Jordan Out of Danger.

PHOENIX, Dec. 9.—David Starr Jordan was ill from pneumonia is pronounced out of danger.

PEACE DELEGATES ARE DIVIDED IN TWO CAMPS

DISAGREEMENT COMES OVER WILSON’S MESSAGE

ABOARD STEAMSHIP OSCAR II, off Cape Race, Dec. 9.—(By wireless to New York.)—Henry Ford’s peace party was divided into two camps.

One faction supported President Wilson’s message for preparedness, and the other opposed it.

The president’s message was read to the delegates by S. C. McClure. Then Ellis O. Jones, leader of the faction opposed to President Wilson’s plan, took the floor.

“I believe,” he said, “that the president’s message should be received with silence by this assemblage. The message is reactionary.

“We are going abroad on a peace mission among nations which were prepared for war. This is not the time to disturb American traditions by preparing for war.

“I wish to call attention to the fact that the Canadian boundary has never been fortified. There are no fortifications in Sweden or Norway, either.

Bandits Get \$7000

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Three youthful bandits held up Miss Emma Schilmske, 24, cashier of a branch of the Prudential Life Insurance company, tied her and a girl clerk together, then escaped with \$7000 cash. Before attacking the women the bandits bound a watchman to a chair and awaited the cashier’s arrival with the payroll. They escaped in an automobile.

COUNCIL WILL TRY TO HAVE RAILROAD STREET OPENED UP

SHEDS OF PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT CO. TO BE ORDERED REMOVED.

The city council will make an effort to open Railroad street just east of College in order to an urgent request made by N. Berkeley on behalf of residents in that vicinity. The street is blocked there at the present time by the coal sheds of the Pacific Power & Light Co. and other buildings and these will be ordered removed. Mr. Berkeley made his second appearance before the council last night upon this matter and Chairman Cole of the street committee recommended that the street be opened. Railroad street is 32 blocks long and this is the only obstruction in it.

In the list of monthly bills last evening appeared several for work done in excavating for the library. Mayor Dyer made strenuous objection to paying these bills out of the general fund, and, at his suggestion, they were ordered paid out of the library fund.

The contract with the Newport Land and Construction Co. for the improvement of Monroe and East Main streets was approved last evening. The engineers report upon the completion of the West Alta, etc., pavement was read and adopted last evening.

Mayor Dyer suggested that the street committee go over the improved streets carefully to ascertain whether or not they were acceptable. The street committee called attention to the fact that the Warren Construction Co. is under a five-year bond to keep the street in repair. The mayor then suggested

Wheat Goes Upward in Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Merchants’ Exchange prices today, club, 93.1-2 bid, 94 asked; blue, stem 96 1-2 bid, 95 asked.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—At the close today, Dec. 11.15 3-8, 11.14 7-8; May 11.17 5-8-11.16 3-8.

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 12s 4 1-2d; No. 2, 12s 1d; No. 3, 11s 11d; No. 2 hard winter, new, 11s 10 1-2d.

In American terms the Liverpool price is now \$1.80 per bushel.

from within, but not from its naturalized citizens. The real danger is from native Americans who are building battleships at huge profits.

“Every grater in the United States is in favor of the preparedness plan.”

His Recall Demanded



CAPT. BOY-ED.

German Attaché Boy-Ed must leave the United States because his pro-German activities here are not liked. Secretary Lansing has already notified Ambassador Bernstorff to inform the Berlin government that America demands the recall of Boy-Ed. Attaché Von Papen, at the same time must also be recalled.

GREECE WILL RESIST FORCED DEMANDS OF THE ENTENTE ALLIES

GERMANY IS REPORTED PREPARING TO HOLD AGAINST A BLOCKADE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Greece is taking active steps to resist if the allies attempt to enforce their demands, according to a Rome report to the Daily Mail. German submarines are reported ready to aid against a commercial blockade by the allies of the Grecian coast.

WAR BOOM TOWN THREATENED TO BE WIPED OUT BY FIRE

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 9.—The entire business section was threatened by a fire starting in a restaurant. Hopewell is a war boom town built by powder companies manufacturing munitions for the allies. Thousands are employed here.

The authorities are investigating a man arrested here while placing explosives beneath the Dupont powder warehouse. Blue prints of the plant were in his possession. The warehouse contains immense quantities of gun cotton for the allies.

McComas Asks Investigation of His Arrest Monday Night

At 2 o’clock this afternoon the proposed investigation was postponed by Mayor Dyer with the consent of Mr. McComas. When the matter was brought up last night Mayor Dyer unthinkingly referred it to the police committee. Councilman Montgomery, who is a member, very reluctant to act because of his relation to the political fight and there was objection to Councilman Cole because of his relationship by marriage with Chief Manning. The matter may be held over until next council meeting or it may be brought up in the form of a trial of McComas on a charge of interfering with an officer.

This afternoon Mayor John Dyer, City Attorney Charles H. Carter and the police committee of the council are investigating the arrest of E. W. McComas, prominent grain buyer and politician, who suffered a scalp wound when struck by the club of Chief of Police Alex Manning Monday night during the election riot.

The investigation was requested last evening of the council by Mr. McComas, who, with his attorney, James A. Fee, appeared before that body, his head swathed in bandages. He intimated that the investigation would be preliminary to an action for damages.

“I wish to ascertain,” he said, “whether Chief Manning and Officer Stephens attacked me out of personal reasons or whether they were inspired by men higher up. If the former I will hold the city responsible and if the latter I will seek redress elsewhere. Their action was unwarranted and if the council so finds, I will ask their summary dismissal from the police force.”

Mayor Dyer stated that he would refer the matter to the police committee, the city attorney and himself and set today at 2 o’clock as the hour for the hearing. “I will promise a fair investigation,” he said, “and if the action of the police was unjustified, they will be dealt with accordingly. On the other hand, if we find they were right and you wrong, I promise that you will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.” The police committee consists of John Siebert, chairman, J. E. Montgomery and C. A. Cole.

Judge Fee appeared first as a representative of Mr. McComas and requested a hearing for his client. Rumors of the intended action of Mr. McComas had drawn a big audience. Mr. McComas appeared a few moments later and stated that he wished to make a protest of the action of Manning and Stephens. He declared the action of the chief unwarranted and unnecessary, declaring he could have been taken without force. He also said he felt that they were inspired to their action.

Chief Manning was present, but made no statement. However, he and Officer Stephens both assert that their actions were entirely justified and necessary in view of the circumstances. In their story they declare that Stephens was being abused by Dr. E. J. Sommerville, who they allege had been the leader of the threatening mob earlier in the evening. They state that Stephens, after advising Dr. Sommerville to keep quiet, took him by the arm

New British Monitor Bombarding German Base



This is the first picture ever taken of the new British monitors with their powerful 15-inch guns in action. Very little has been heard of this part of the English navy. Each monitor carries one big 15-inch gun mounted on a turret. The picture was taken off La Panne, Belgium.

J.E. MONTGOMERY WON'T SANCTION CONTEST EFFORT

Protest is Filed by Dudley Evans Against Counting Ballots of Second Precinct in Fourth Ward.

VOTE CANVASSED BY COUNCIL

Official Count Shows No Change in the Previously Published Figures—Montgomery Makes Motion That His Opponent Be Declared Elected Mayor of the City.

When the city council made a canvass of the Monday election returns last night, a formal protest of the entire ballot of the second precinct of the fourth ward was found in the box. It was signed by Dudley Evans, as challenger for J. E. Montgomery, and, while Mr. Montgomery last night disavowed any responsibility for the protest and declared he would make no fight against the legality of the election of Dr. Best as mayor, Evans who was present, embodied in the records of the election and carefully preserved his possible future use.

There were other protests in the box also. One, signed by Dr. J. A. Best, protested against the presence of Evans at the polls on the grounds that he was a non-resident and not a voter of Pendleton. It also contained terms uncomplimentary to the challenger. A protest against the reading of Dr. Best’s remonstrance by Election Judge L. E. Penland in the presence of the voters in the polls was also in the box, the protest declaring that Dr. Best’s communication was written after he had been officially advised of the legality of the presence of Evans at the polls. Evans, in the protest, claimed that Dr. Best desired the reading of his remonstrance for electioneering purposes.

All three of the protests were read by the council and the recorder was instructed to file them away. Councilman Montgomery, the defeated mayoralty candidate, asked that he be placed on record as opposed to any contest of the election, and Dr. Best, who was present, also asked that Montgomery’s statement be made a part of the record.

Evans addressed the council at length, declaring that every election law on the statute from the corrupt practices act down to the procedure in counting ballots, was violated by the judges of the second precinct of the fourth ward. He declared he protested time and again at the polls but was not heeded. Evans asked for certified copies of the protests, declaring that he might need them in some future action he might take.

Councilman Montgomery himself made the motion that Dr. J. A. Best be declared the next mayor of Pendleton for a period of two years commencing January 1, 1916, after an official canvass had showed him elected by a majority of 232 votes. The following is the official count of the election returns: For mayor, Best 1197, Montgomery 965; for treasurer, Moorhouse 1459, Horton 209; for councilman first ward, Friedley 177, Kirkpatrick 183; for councilman second ward, Cox 141, Edmiston 25, Oliver 75, Taylor 192; for councilman third ward, Folsom 228, Owen 169; for councilman fourth ward, Cole 168, McAtee 254, Penland 502; for water commissioner, 3 years, Strain 1605; for water commissioner, 8 years, McCormack 1422; for water commissioner full term, Stroble 1321.

Rich Land to be Opened.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The rich Cayille Indian reservation in Washington state will be thrown open to homestead entry July 1. An announcement to that effect by Secretary of the Interior Lane was made following a conference with Senators Jones and Polk and Representative Dill of Washington.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.
Germany will not accept responsibility of carrying on the war, declares chancellor. Germany desires peace with honor.
Greece believed preparing to resist forced demands of the allies.
Bulgarians force allies in Serbia to retreat.

Local.
McComas asks investigation of his arrest; insinuates police were inspired. Montgomery disavows responsibility for protest of election.
Christmas day swim is planned. Municipal Christmas tree to be put in place at once.
Council listens to plea for opening Railroad street.

BULGARIANS ARE FORCING ALLIES TO QUIT SERBIA

General Retreat is in Operation in Southern Part of Country—Forces Flee Toward Greece.

MANY BRITISH ARE CAPTURED

Bulgars Deliver Attack Against Entire Front—Russians Are Said to be Massed for Invasion of Bulgaria—Russo-Rumanian Frontier Station is Closed.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—That the allies are retreating in southern Serbia was officially confirmed today by Sofia. The war office there claims the Bulgarians have reached a point only 29 miles from the Grecian line. It was added the French are hurrying toward a refuge in Greece. The belief prevails the Bulgarians are pressing the allies hard or that General Sarrail has ordered a general retreat. “South of Stramitsa,” the official statement said, “we are attacking the entire allied front.”

One hundred and seventy four British prisoners were taken at Petros. SEURICH, Dec. 9.—The Russo-Romanian frontier station at Ungeni and the frontier harbor at Rani have been closed, according to Bucharest advices. The arrival of thousands of Russian troops at both points is reported. Great activity goes on at Resarabia. It is believed here that this may be a concentration of Russians for a Balkan expedition.

SOBIA, Dec. 9.—The Bulgars have occupied the villages of Grovica and Demirkapu which the French evacuated, it was officially announced.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Repeated attacks east of Soignin last night were broken up by French artillery, the war office announced. It was admitted the Germans gained a portion of a trench in that neighborhood. The entire eastern Champagne district trembles under a terrific artillery battle.

Oregon Man Chosen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—C. W. Hodson of Oregon, was made chairman of the nomination committee of the national rivers and harbors convention.

Big Tree Will be Placed at the Corner of Main and Court

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS

The municipal Christmas tree, which on Christmas eve will contain a sack of candy for every boy and girl of Pendleton will be set in place at the intersection of Main and Court streets within the next few days, and will serve as a part of the holiday street decorations. The tree will occupy the center of the intersection and will be trimmed so that it will not interfere with traffic.

Rev. J. E. Snyder appeared before the council last evening and requested permission to put the tree in the street. The matter was referred to the police committee and city marshal with power to act. Rev. Snyder also asked for permission to rope off a block for a few hours on Christmas eve so that the festivities would not be interfered with by vehicles.

On the night of the unique entertainment a platform will be built back of the tree for the use of the chorus of children who will sing Christmas carols. A genuinely unfashioned Santa Claus will be present to take the presents off the tree and bestow them upon the children, rich and poor alike. The Commercial association is behind the arrangements of the entertainment. Prof. A. C. Hampton being chairman of the committee.

At a meeting of the general committee today the following committees were named to have charge of the different features of the week:
Program—Rev. J. E. Snyder, Sam Eleanor Vincent, J. F. Robinson, Sam Desautels—A. J. McAllister, Leora Cohen, Roy Alexander.
Trees—The advisory council of the Parents-Teachers association.
Tickets—A. C. Hampton.
Music—Hal Bishop.

Not to seize Vessels.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Ambassador Page at London has advised the state department England has vetoed to the American request not to seize or remove American vessels pending action of the British price control in the Hocking, Genesee and Kanawha canals.